

Win, Lose, or Draw

By MERRELL WHITTLESEY

Freedom of the Press—Too Much, Says Whelan

Tommy Whelan thinks football writers are poor reporters. For a week or 10 days after Whelan was involved in the disputed decision in the Baltimore-Buffalo playoff game in the Eastern division of the All-America Conference, the folks who patronize his Northeast tavern made cracks about the rap Tommy was talking from Baltimore. Good-natured Tommy laughed, outwardly, but inside he was getting a little self-conscious about the whole business.

The incident occurred, you remember, when Baltimore was leading Buffalo, 17-14, late in the fourth quarter. George Ratterman of the Bills passed to Chet Mutyryn, who apparently caught the ball, juggled it in running a few steps, fumbled, and Baltimore recovered. Whelan ruled that Mutyryn had possession of the ball but not control, thus it was not a completed pass. Buffalo retained the ball and marched to the winning touchdown. Tommy and the other officials needed police protection in leaving the field.

Tommy is peeved at the reporters because of the inaccuracies that led to all the jibes. "The papers said they tore my shirt off, which they didn't," Whelan said. "They said I had a black eye, which I didn't; some of them said Fay Vinson called the play, which he didn't, and they said I was the head linesman, which I wasn't."

"Another thing," Whelan continued "the ball carrier was running with his back to the press box, a couple of hundred yards away, yet most of you fellows called the play to the last detail. What's the matter, can't you guys get anything right?"

Personally, I'm not taking any chances from now on. I'm going to lend my portable typewriter to one of the officials and sit back and enjoy the game.

Would the Caps Have Their Hands Full?

The proposed charity game matching the Caps against four local college basketball teams playing a quarter each is out because of a BAA rule against exhibitions, which is too bad because it figured to be an interesting affair.

Staff Cassell, coach of the American University team which was invited along with Georgetown, George Washington and Maryland, thinks the Caps would have won playing each team a quarter. He thinks the Caps could beat any of the four individually. But if the program were stretched over two nights and the Caps played each college team a half, Cassell is of the opinion the college boys might outscore the pros.

"They have too much manpower for any of us in a single game," Cassell said, "and in quarters the college teams would start cold and their time would be up before they got started. But playing it by halves, we might lick 'em."

"Red Auerbach (coach of the Caps) thinks his club would beat any college team badly," Cassell continued "but I'm not sure. I'd like to see Kentucky play the Caps, or St. Louis or Holy Cross. You'd get your money's worth."

Cassell points out that it has been proven in the pro league that the team with the best 11-man squad wins the title. Not necessarily the club with Joe Fuks, Bob Ferriok or George Mikan, or the team with the fastest five players. But the team that has reserve strength. That's the secret. "That's where they beat us," Cassell repeated. "Most colleges are only five or six deep. The pros have to be 11 deep. If we played them by halves that superior reserve strength wouldn't do them much good," the Eagles' mentor said. "My team would throw a zone at them for a half, Maryland a double pivot attack, Georgetown the give-and-go, New York style, and G. W. set plays off a fast break. They wouldn't wear us down in 20."

Condition would be a prime factor in favor of the college boys. They are younger, faster, would put everything into it. To the Caps it would be another night's work. It's too bad the stuffy constitution of the BBA couldn't be waived for the March of Dimes.

Is Basket Ball De-Emphasized in Our Midst?

That's a big, black eye that Southern Conference basketball is sporting these days. Only unbeaten North Carolina, victor over Arizona in the Camella Bowl, and Duke, with Virginia as its major victim, have escaped the trouncings piled on teams that have met major outside opposition.

North Carolina State, the conference champion, lost three straight in the West after losing only three out of 30 last year. William and Mary lost to Villanova and Seton Hall in the East after winning consistently in its home territory. George Washington lost its only outside game, to Virginia. Maryland has lost its three outside games, to Temple, Loyola of Baltimore and Virginia. South Carolina lost to Miami, Fla., and then dropped four in a row in the West. Washington and Lee beat G. W., then lost three outside games. Clemson was beaten twice by Georgia and Wake Forest; lost by 26 points to Duke.

Could the conference schools be putting too much emphasis on football and allowing the basketball coaches to take their likings?

Stations Here to Broadcast Six Bowl Contests Tomorrow

Six of tomorrow's football games in the Nation's bowls will be carried by Washington radio stations. They are:

WMAL, Sugar Bowl, 2:30 p.m., Harry Wismer.
WRC, Gator Bowl, 2 p.m., Ted Husing.
WOL, Cotton Bowl, 2 p.m., Al Helfer; East-West, 4:45 p.m., Ernie Smith.
WTOP, Orange Bowl, 2 p.m., Red Barber; Rose Bowl, 4:45 p.m., Mel Allen.

None of the games will be televised here. Motion pictures will be taken of many of them for later showing.

The complete list of New Year Day games with team records in parenthesis, kickoff time (Eastern Standard) and probable attendance:

Rose at Pasadena, Calif.—California (10-0-0) vs. Northwestern (7-3-0), 5 p.m., 92,500.
Sugar at New Orleans—North Carolina (9-0-1) vs. Oklahoma (6-1-0), 2:45 p.m., 81,000.
Cotton at Dallas—Southern Methodist (8-1-1) vs. Oregon (9-1-0), 2:25 p.m., 67,000.
Orange at Miami—Georgia (9-1-0) vs. Texas (6-3-1), 2 p.m., 60,300.
East-West at San Francisco—5 p.m., 60,000.
Gator at Jacksonville, Fla.—Clemson (10-0-0) vs. Missouri (8-2-0), 2:15 p.m., 36,000.
Dixie at Birmingham, Ala.—Wake Forest (6-3-0) vs. Baylor (6-2-2), 3 p.m., 30,000.
Delta at Memphis—Oklahoma A. and M. (6-3-0) vs. William and Mary (7-2-1), 2:30 p.m., 30,000.
Harbor at San Diego, Calif.—Nevada (8-1-0) vs. Villanova (7-2-1), 5 p.m., 20,000.
Cigar at Tampa, Fla.—Missouri Valley (9-0-0) vs. St. Thomas of Minnesota (7-1-0), 8 p.m., 18,000.
Salad at Phoenix, Ariz.—Drake (6-3-0) vs. Arizona (6-4-0), 4 p.m., 16,000.
Sun at El Paso, Tex.—West Virginia (8-3-0) vs. Texas Mines (7-1-1), 4:15 p.m., 16,000.
Rainin at Fresno, Calif.—Colorado A. and M. (8-2-0) vs. Occidental (6-0-0), 5 p.m., 15,000.
Tangerine at Orlando, Fla.—Sul Ross (10-0-0) vs. Murray (Ky.) State (9-1-0), 8 p.m., 10,000.
Prairie at Houston, Tex.—Prairie View vs. Wilberforce, 3 p.m., 10,000.
Vulcan at Birmingham, Ala.—North Carolina A. and T. (4-3-1) vs. Kentucky State (6-2-1), 2:30 p.m., 6,000.

Alvis Says He'll Submit Public Links Bid Today

Ray Alvis, promoter of a number of past sports ventures in Washington, said this morning he is submitting a bid today to Secretary of the Interior Krug for operation of the public golf courses here.

A five-year lease on these facilities held by S. G. Loeffler expires at midnight tonight. Loeffler has been operating public courses here for approximately 25 years. A. E. Demary, assistant director of National Capital Parks, said that Loeffler's contract was a "negotiable" one and contained several provisions for renewal. He added that thorough consideration would be given any proposals submitted by other parties.

Gonzaga Defeats Alumni

Gonzaga's basketball team topped an alumni quint, 60-50, last night despite the individual high performance of Scotty Cranston of the losers who dunked in 19 points.

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Laura Lou Jahn Retains Junior Tennis Crown

BROOKLINE, Mass., Dec. 31.—Laura Lou Jahn, 15-year-old blond of Hollywood, Calif., retained her National Junior Girls' tennis championship yesterday by defeating Elaine Lewicki, also 15, of Hamtramck, Mich., in straight sets.

Laura was given a tussle in the first set, which she won, 6-4, but took the second, 6-0. During the five-day tournament the repeating titlist blanked her opponents in all but two sets.

Mrs. Adrian Goldberg Ayares, 19-year-old matron from Baltimore, and Miss Lewicki won the doubles title, defeating Ann Sullivan of Belmont, Mass., and Heather Nichols of Bermuda, 6-3, 0-6, 6-8.

Di Maggio to Be Honored

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Dec. 31.—Joe Di Maggio, New York Yankees' outfielder, will be honored at a dinner here January 14 as a climax to a National Children's Cardiac Foundation benefit.

Gridiron Fans Feast on 16 Bowls of Spicy Fare

Weather Forecasts Generally Gloomy For Tomorrow

By the Associated Press

College football finally ends its 1948 season tomorrow—in 1948—in 16 bowl extravaganzas from Florida to California.

With a little co-operation from the weatherman, the shows will be bigger than ever. The quality should be up to par, too, despite almost unanimous moanings from the coaches.

At Miami, where Georgia is favored over Texas in the Orange Bowl, Georgia Coach Wally Butts said his boys were "just about as ready as I can get 'em. They look miserable."

Blair Cherry of Texas was a little happier, but he wouldn't predict any success for the Longhorns. He pointed, instead, to a hospital list. The list is down to one player, End Jimmy Watson, but it once included a good portion of the squad who had the flu.

At Dallas, where Southern Methodist is rated over Oregon, Oregon Coach Jim Aiken declared his team was in fine shape physically. As a football team, he said, they look "terrible."

S. M. U. Has Lone Cripple.

S. M. U. Mentor Matty Bell reported one injury on his club. Offensive Center Fred Goodwin is out with a torn knee cartilage.

The means from New Orleans, where Oklahoma and North Carolina collide in the Sugar Bowl, and Pasadena where Northwestern takes on California, weren't so loud. But there wasn't a coach among 'em who was predicting victory.

Oklahoma, which prefers to move on the ground, has been working on an aerial game. North Carolina, which has gone in for passing, polished up a ground attack in case of wet weather. The New Orleans weather outlook now is for clouds, but no rain.

Northern Coach Bob Voigts continued to scoff at the six and seven-point odds that favor his Wildcats, but a poll of reporters on the scene went 15-10 for Northwestern with one predicting a tie.

Frank Howland, who guides the fortunes of Clemson's unbeaten Tigers, brought a suitcase of good luck charms to Jacksonville, Fla., where Clemson faces another brand of Tigers from Missouri in the Gator Bowl.

Meet Wrong Trains.

Oklahoma A. and M. arrived in Memphis for their Delta Bowl game with William and Mary yesterday, but they missed the welcoming committee. The committee, complete with band and pretty girls, met another train 55 minutes later. The second train was loaded with Oklahoma University fans headed for the Rose Bowl.

The coaches planned only limbering-up drills today. Most of the teams have arrived at the bowl sites. An exception is William and Mary, which is flying to Memphis today.

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Oldtimers to Compete in Handball at 'Y'

An oldtimers' handball match is one of the features of tomorrow's open house festivities at the YMCA. The match will be at 2 o'clock, with Dr. Charles Engelhardt opposing Leo Smith and Al Yatenman meeting Johnny Payne.

Final of the "Y" handball tourney also will be held, with Sam Papan drew meeting Gus Goldstein at 2:30 p.m. Among other sports events on the program are weight lifting and gymnastics exhibitions.

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Face First Bowl Defeat

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FAST MOTION—Here's Maryland University's relay team that will compete in The Evening Star-AAU games at the National Guard Army January 15. Left to right: George McGowan, Mario Salvaneli, Paul O'Strye and Ed Matthews. —Star Staff Photo.

Bienze, Sprint Victor In Sugar Bowl, Invited To Star's Meet Here

Special Dispatch to The Star

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—Paul Bienne, flashy sprint star of Tulane University, who won the Sugar Bowl 100-yard dash here yesterday afternoon, defeating the famous Charley Parker of Texas U., has been invited to run in The Evening Star sprint series, which is one of the features of The Evening Star-AAU games at Washington January 15.

Running on a track made soggy by two days of rain and into a chill wind, Bienne equaled the Sugar Bowl record of 9.9 set in 1936 by Marty Glickman of Syracuse and tied in 1938 by Perrin Walker of Atlanta.

An invitation for the Spring Series was to have been extended to Parker who has a record of 9.5 in the 100 but Bienne's victory made him the logical choice to represent the Southwest and the invitation was sent to his coach last night.

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Terp Squad in Star's Games To Pack Depth and Class

The University of Maryland will have depth and class in its 12-man entry in the second edition of The Evening Star-AAU Games to be run Saturday night, January 15 at the National Guard Armory.

The Terp trackmen are not confining their efforts to the local events, but in most cases will be sticking out their necks against the top trackmen of the Nation.

Coach Jim Kehoe of the Terps has entered Bob Palmer, his mile ace, in the invitation one-mile run that will include the defending champion, Browning Ross of Villanova, and Gerry Karver, the Penn State distance ace who is expected to be the miler of the indoor track season.

Palmer won the Southern Conference cross-country and outdoor titles as a freshman. He attended La Salle Military Academy before enrolling at Maryland.

Kehoe particularly likes his mile relay team with George McGowan, Mario Salvaneli, Paul O'Strye and Ed Matthews assigned to the quartet at present, with Bill Alexion and A. Timms pressing for a place on the team.

Matthews, undefeated in dual meet competition, is entered in the 600-yard run. The Terps will be well represented in the hurdles in Salvaneli and Karl Rubach.

The Terps have dash threats in Alexion and Jim O'Steen, both entered in the D. C. AAU 100. Dick Lentz and Lyn Fraser will compete in the high jump, Pete Hambleton and Simms in the D. C. AAU 800 and the D. C. AAU 600 and O'Strye in the 600.

Although pairings for the mile relays will not be announced for a few days, Kehoe prefers a Southern Conference pairing for the Terps against such schools as Duke, North Carolina, V.P.I. or an all-local affair with Maryland competing against Navy and Georgetown.

The Star meet is the first major event of the indoor track season and the Terps will carry on to the Philadelphia Inquirer games, the Millrose, Maryland Invitational, Southern Conference and Fifth Regiment games in Baltimore.

Evening Star Games Tickets Now On Sale

Tickets for The Evening Star Games at the National Guard Armory on January 15 may be purchased at The Star Building, by mail request to Room 724, The Evening Star Building, at the Athletic Office at Howard University and at the Stadium Pharmacy, Nineteenth and B streets S.E.

The scale of prices:

General admission.....\$2.00
Unreserved stands.....2.50
Reserved stand.....3.00
Balcony.....3.00
Box seats.....\$3 and \$4

Hoyas Invade Strong John Carroll Quint

Georgetown's basketball team is in Cleveland tonight for a New Year's eve date with John Carroll. Tomorrow night the Hoyas move to Olean, N. Y., to meet St. Bonaventure.

Georgetown has been practicing twice daily all week and Coach Elmer Ripley is hopeful of a sweep on the trip. Georgetown defeated Penn State and Port Belvoir and lost to N. Y. U. before the holidays.

John Carroll has defeated Penn. Hiram and Case by big scores and lost to Dayton by two points. The Bonnies beat Geneva, Dayton and Ohio Wesleyan and lost to Canisius.

T. C. U. Star Turns Pro

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—George Brown, guard and co-captain of the Texas Christian team, has been signed by the New York Yankees of the All-American Football Conference. He is the fifth new player to be signed by the Yankees in the last 10 days.

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St. Louis U. Seen Best '48 College Five After Sugar Bowl Victory

By the Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—The "dream game" of college basketball has been played, and it was everything the fans had hoped for.

It ended St. Louis, 42; Kentucky, 40, in a rousing finish after 40 full minutes of run, run, run and fight, fight, fight.

The victory here last night gave Coach Ed Hickey's Billikens the Sugar Bowl championship to add to their national invitational title.

And on the basis of those two points over Kentucky's NCAA kings, the Bills might stake a claim to recognition as the country's outstanding college quintet of 1948.

7,500 Sees Game.

Some 7,500 persons saw just the kind of game that could be expected from the two teams that dominated the year's collegiate picture.

There was a great duel at center between the Billikens' all-America Ed Macauley and the Wildcats' Alex Gorza.

There was a sensational windup with St. Louis, after trailing most of the game, taking the winning lead in the final minute.

And there was some stellar play by a couple of unheralded players that made the Billiken victory possible.

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Kentucky President Doesn't Think Bryant Will Coach Redskins

Although Paul (Bear) Bryant seems to be the No. 1 choice for the Redskins coaching post there is some doubt he eventually will take over the job recently vacated by Turk Edwards.

Indications are that Bryant, former Maryland coach now at Kentucky, can have the job if he wants it and can get out of his Kentucky contract. But at Lexington, Ky., university officials indicate they would be reluctant to release him from his pact.

Redskin officials and Bryant decline to deny or confirm reports that he is under consideration for the job, but a spokesman close to athletics at Kentucky said that Bryant has been offered approximately twice as much as he is receiving from Kentucky. His salary there never has been officially stated, but it is believed to be around \$11,000 a year. He has served three years of a 10-year contract.

Doubts Bryant Will Leave.

At Lexington, Dr. H. L. Donovan, president of the University, told the Associated Press that Bryant has not asked to be released. Dr. Donovan added that he is "confident he will not ask to be released."

"He has a good contract here and I am sure he will stand by it," Dr. Donovan stated. "He is happy and so are we. I have never thought he would consider accepting the offer."

Several factors might sway Bryant away from going with the Redskins despite the increased salary he probably would receive.

Hopes to Produce Winner.

Among these was a strong desire by the coach to produce a winning team before he leaves Kentucky. Although Bryant has placed Kentucky football on a level with the average Southeastern Conference team, he has lost three games each of the three seasons he has been head coach there. His Wildcats have gained some significant victories at the same time and his rebuilding program is figured to show its first real results next season.

Bryant also is considering obligations to his staff of assistant coaches, the spokesman added. He would be unable to bring them to Washington. Only part of them are covered by contracts at Kentucky.

Another factor, it was explained, is that Bryant's family prefers to live in Lexington.

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VENICE, Fla., Dec. 31.—A new 47-foot cabin cruiser owned by Early Wynn, pitcher recently traded by the Washington Nats to Cleveland, was sunk during a freak storm here yesterday.

High winds dashed the boat against a jetty as Wynn brought it in to escape a sudden storm in the Gulf of Mexico, where he and his nephew, J. L. Dunn, 21, of Venice, were fishing. Wynn, who will be 29 next Thursday, jumped overboard and tried to get a line ashore as the boat began drifting away with Dunn aboard. The boat finally was brought in after a struggle, but sank shortly afterward.

Wynn just had arrived here two days ago after a shakedown cruise in his boat along the inland waterway. The boat had been built at Shadyside, Md. for the former Nat pitcher. The boat was reported to be insured.

Yesterday's sinking was Wynn's second brush with danger while boating. Last spring during the training season Wynn had to swim 150 feet to safety when a boat belonging to his brother-in-law was burned.